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2 **never thought about it, but either '12 or '13.**

3 Q. According to the records we received
4 from the Office of the Commissioner, we can see
5 that it was 2013?

6 **A. '13, there you go, there's your**
7 **answer.**

8 Q. When the 2012 season ended, was it
9 your intention to apply for a crew chief
10 opening?

11 MS. PHILION: Object to form.

12 BY MR. MURPHY:

13 **A. No.**

14 **Would you like more on the reason**
15 **for that?**

16 Q. That was my next question.

17 **A. Yeah, the reason being I just came**
18 **up during a time where seniority was kind of**
19 **something that was thought of in a different**
20 **way, not necessarily changed a whole lot now,**
21 **but it's changed. And, you know, I had always**
22 **taken on the stance, the personal stance that if**
23 **anybody were senior to me, had done something**
24 **longer than I, whether it be a crew chief spot,**
25 **whether it just be whatever, that if they were,**

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2 you know, senior to me and every bit as capable,
3 I just kind of -- I just kind of was brought up
4 in an era, you know, that things just went to
5 them first, if that's how you felt. And that's
6 how I felt about two or three people; namely,
7 Wally and even Angel. I think I said at the
8 time, that, you know, they were senior to me,
9 and had been used. So I thought that it was,
10 you know, you know, right for them to get it, so
11 I just -- I just didn't apply initially.

12 Q. At that time, sir, was Alfonso
13 Marquez more senior than you?

14 A. No.

15 Q. No, O.K.

16 Now, did you receive a phone call
17 from anyone hat Major League Baseball asking you
18 to apply for the crew chief position in 2013?

19 A. I did. It's kind of a two-part
20 answer here so I -- and I have to give it to you
21 this way since, again, it was a long time ago,
22 and, the call was so, to me at the time,
23 insignificant.

24 I can't remember if I received a
25 phone call from Joe West first or Randy Marsh

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2 first. But the reason that's significant
3 because as soon as I hung up with one, the other
4 called. Again, I can't -- I can't say which one
5 happened first; I just by the -- common sense
6 would tell me it was possibly Randy first and
7 then Joe second. But again, if I had to sit
8 here and tell you for certain, can't do it.

9 I received a call, if it was Randy
10 first, the only thing Randy asked me was had I
11 put my name in for the crew chief job. And I
12 told him no. And I explained my reasoning just
13 the way I did a few minutes ago. And that was
14 it. The call literally took a couple of
15 minutes. And that's the reason it's tough for
16 me to recall because it was a two-minute call in
17 my life that I didn't really give that much
18 thought to.

19 When I hung up, again, the order
20 probably went this way, but I don't know for
21 sure. It was Joe West immediately, and when I
22 said I hung up, it couldn't have been, again,
23 another minute or two, and the next phone call
24 came, and it was, "Have you put in for the crew
25 chief job?"

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2 **And I said, "No." Again, explaining**
3 **why. And I was told, "Put your name in."**

4 **So, I hung up, I think I sent it in**
5 **by email. As a matter of fact, I'm sure I sent**
6 **it in by email, and just simply put, "Fieldin**
7 **Culbreth is officially applying for the crew**
8 **chief position."**

9 Q. I recognize that this call was over
10 six years ago, and I also heard everything that
11 you said.

12 I want to see if anything might
13 trigger something and if it doesn't, fine.

14 **A. Absolutely.**

15 Q. You know, because all we want is
16 truth, that's all we want.

17 **A. Absolutely, that's all you're going**
18 **to get.**

19 Q. That's good, I appreciate that.

20 MS. PHILION: Object to the form.

21 BY MR. MURPHY:

22 Q. Did Randy in that telephone
23 conversation after you explained to him that you
24 thought other senior umpires should get job, did
25 he express any disappointment that you weren't

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2 applying?

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. And in the phone call that you had
5 with Joe West, was there any conversation about
6 the fact that it might not be good for your
7 career if you didn't apply?

8 MS. PHILION: Object to form.

9 **A. No, I don't recall that.**

10 Q. So both of these were fairly brief
11 conversations?

12 **A. Yeah, I would say they were both**
13 **within -- probably within a minute of one**
14 **another and linked in topic, you know, there**
15 **just wasn't much.**

16 Q. Am I correct in thinking that, based
17 upon what you said, you would not have applied
18 but for those two calls?

19 MS. PHILION: Object to form.

20 BY MR. MURPHY:

21 **A. Yes, I think so, because it -- yeah,**
22 **it was -- that's fair to say.**

23 Q. All right.

24 Now, let's see, is this your --

25 **A. I wouldn't apply then, that's for**